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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as indicated. A complete set of the claims is included below, reflecting added subject matter (*underlining*) and deleted subject matter *(strikethrough)*, as well as the current status of each claim. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.   (Currently Amended) A communication system comprising:

a mail server, coupled to the Internet, for storing an electronic mail message received over the Internet and for generating a copy of said electronic mail message;

a notifications server, coupled to ~~the Internet~~ said mail server, and having a standard electronic mail protocol for receiving said copy of said electronic mail message as a standard formatted electronic mail message;

wherein said notifications server is for ~~storing a received electronic mail message and also is for~~ automatically generating, therefrom, a subset of said received copy of said electronic mail message; and

wherein said notifications server, upon generation of said subset, is for [[wirelessly]] transmitting said subset to an identified wireless electronic device associated with a user that is the recipient of said received electronic mail message.

2.   (Original) A communication system as described in Claim 1 wherein said identified wireless electronic device is operable to display received subsets to a user.

3.   (Currently Amended) A communication system as described in Claim 2 wherein said identified wireless electronic device is operable to allow said user to select a particular received subset and wherein said notifications server is also for ~~wirelessly downloading~~ transmitting the remainder of an electronic mail message corresponding to said particular received subset in response to the selection thereof by said identified wireless electronic device.

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4.   (Original) A communication system as described in Claim 1 wherein said subset is a notification message comprising a sender's identification and a subject field of said received. electronic mail message.

5.   (Original) A communication system as described in Claim 1 wherein said identified wireless electronic device is a handheld computer system having wirelessly enabled communication.

6.   (Original) A communication system as described in Claim 1 wherein said notifications server comprises a user information database for providing a mapping between wireless electronic devices and their associated electronic mail addresses.

7.   (Currently Amended) A communication system as described in Claim 1 wherein a push packet is used by said notifications server to [[wirelessly]] transmit said subset to said identified wireless electronic device.

8.   (Currently Amended) A communication system as described in Claim 1 wherein said subset is wirelessly transmitted ~~by said notifications server~~ using a wireless LAN communication network.

9.   (Currently Amended) A communication system as described in Claim 1 wherein said subset is wirelessly transmitted ~~by said notifications server~~ using a Bluetooth wireless communication network.

10.   (Currently Amended) A communication system as described in Claim 1 wherein said subset is wirelessly transmitted ~~by said notifications server~~ using a Mobitex wireless communication network.

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11.   (Original) A communication system as described in Claim 1 wherein said standard electronic mail protocol is substantially compliant with the SMTP protocol (Simple Mail Transport Protocol).

12.   (Original) A communication system as described in Claim 1 wherein said standard electronic mail protocol is substantially compliant with the POP protocol (Post Office Protocol).

13.   (Original) A communication system as described in Claim 1 wherein said standard electronic mail protocol is substantially compliant with the IMAP protocol.

14.   (Currently Amended) A communication system comprising:
        a plurality of wireless electronic devices operable to communicate over a wireless communication network;
        a mail server, coupled to the Internet, for storing an electronic mail message received over the Internet and for generating a copy of said electronic mail message; and
        a notifications server, coupled to the Internet and operable to communicate over said wireless communication network said mail server, said notifications server having a standard electronic mail protocol for receiving said copy of said electronic mail message as a standard formatted electronic mail message from the Internet said mail server;
        wherein said notifications server is for storing a received electronic mail message and is also for automatically generating, therefrom, a notification message which is a subset of said received copy of said electronic mail message; and
        said notifications server, upon generation of said notification message, for [[wirelessly]] transmitting said notification message to an identified wireless electronic device, of said plurality of wireless electronic devices, associated with a user that is the recipient of said received electronic mail message.

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15.   (Original) A communication system as described in Claim 14 wherein said identified wireless electronic device is operable to display received notification messages to a user.

16.   (Currently Amended) A communication system as described in Claim 15 wherein said identified wireless electronic device is operable to allow said user to select a particular received notification message and wherein said notifications server is also for ~~wirelessly downloading~~ transmitting the remainder of an electronic mail message corresponding to said particular received notification message in response to the selection thereof by said identified wireless electronic device.

17.   (Original) A communication system as described in Claim 14 wherein said notification message comprises a sender's identification and a subject field of said received electronic mail message.

18.   (Original) A communication system as described in Claim 14 wherein said identified wireless electronic device is a handheld computer system having wirelessly enabled communication.

19.   (Original) A communication system as described in Claim 14 wherein said notifications server comprises a database for providing a mapping between wireless electronic devices and electronic mail addresses.

20.   (Currently Amended) A communication system as described in Claim 14 wherein said notification message is [[wirelessly]] transmitted by said notifications server using a push packet.

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21. (Currently Amended) A communication system as described in Claim 14 wherein said notification message is [[wirelessly]] transmitted by said notifications server using a wireless LAN communication network.

22. (Currently Amended) A communication system as described in Claim 14 wherein said notification message is [[wirelessly]] transmitted by said notifications server using a Bluetooth wireless communication network.

23. (Currently Amended) A communication system as described in Claim 14 wherein said notification message is [[wirelessly]] transmitted by said notifications server using a Mobitex wireless communication network.

24. (Original) A communication system as described in Claim 14 wherein said standard electronic mail protocol is substantially compliant with the SMTP protocol (Simple Mail Transport Protocol).

25. (Original) A communication system as described in Claim 14 wherein said standard electronic mail protocol is substantially compliant with the POP protocol (Post Office Protocol).

26. (Original) A communication system as described in Claim 14 wherein said standard electronic mail protocol is substantially compliant with the IMAP protocol.

27. (Currently Amended) A method of communicating, comprising the steps of:
   a) generating, at a mail server, a copy of an electronic mail message that is received over the Internet;

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b)   _receiving, at a notifications server, [[a received]] said copy of said electronic mail message [[having]] in a standard electronic mail format and communicated to said notifications server using a standard electronic mail protocol;

[[b]] c) storing said received copy of said electronic mail message;

[[c]] d) automatically generating from said received copy of said electronic mail message a notification message which is a subset of said received copy of said electronic mail message; and

[[d]] e) upon generation of said notification message, [[wirelessly]] transmitting said notification message from said notifications server, over a wireless communication network, to an identified wireless electronic device, of said plurality of wireless electronic devices, associated with a user that is the recipient of said received electronic mail message.

28.   (Original) A communication method as described in Claim 27 further comprising the step of said received wireless electronic device displaying received notification messages to a user.

29.   (Canceled)

30.   (Currently Amended) A communication method as described in Claim 28 further comprising the steps of:
    said identified wireless electronic device allowing said user to select a particular received notification message; and
    said notifications server [[wirelessly downloading]] transmitting the remainder of an electronic mail message corresponding to said particular received notification message in response to said user selecting said particular received notification message.

31.   (Original) A communication method as described in Claim 28 further comprising the step of using a database to provide a mapping between wireless electronic devices and electronic mail addresses of received electronic mail messages.

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32. (Currently Amended) A communication method as described in Claim 27 wherein said step [[d]] e) comprises the step of [[wirelessly]] transmitting said notification message by said notifications server using a push packet.

33. (Original) A communication method as described in Claim 27 wherein said standard electronic mail protocol is substantially compliant with the SMTP protocol (Simple Mail Transport Protocol).